

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Control Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 8 and 13 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 5/8) (from Ch. 8, par. 358)

7 Sec. 8. Rabies inoculation. Every owner of a dog 4 months
8 or more of age shall have each dog inoculated against rabies by
9 a licensed veterinarian. Every dog shall have a second rabies
10 vaccination within one year of the first. Terms of subsequent
11 vaccine administration and duration of immunity must be in
12 compliance with USDA licenses of vaccines used. A veterinarian
13 immunizing a dog, cat, or ferret against rabies shall provide
14 the Administrator of the county in which the dog, cat, or
15 ferret resides with a certificate of immunization. Evidence of
16 such rabies inoculation shall be entered on a certificate the
17 form of which shall be approved by the Board and which shall
18 contain the microchip number of the dog, cat, or ferret ~~animal~~
19 if it has one and which shall be signed by the licensed
20 veterinarian administering the vaccine. Only one dog, cat, or
21 ferret shall be included on each certificate. Veterinarians who
22 inoculate a dog shall procure from the County Animal Control in
23 the county where their office is located serially numbered

1 tags, one to be issued with each inoculation certificate. ~~Only~~
2 ~~one dog shall be included on each certificate. The veterinarian~~
3 ~~immunizing or microchipping an animal shall provide the~~
4 ~~Administrator of the county in which the animal resides with a~~
5 ~~certificate of immunization and microchip number.~~ The Board
6 shall cause a rabies inoculation tag to be issued, at a fee
7 established by the Board for each dog inoculated against
8 rabies.

9 Rabies vaccine for use on animals shall be sold or
10 distributed only to and used only by licensed veterinarians.
11 Such rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States
12 Department of Agriculture.

13 If a licensed veterinarian determines in writing that a
14 rabies inoculation would compromise an animal's health, then
15 the animal shall be exempt from the rabies inoculation ~~shot~~
16 requirement, however, ~~but~~ the owner is ~~must~~ still ~~be~~
17 responsible for the tag fees.

18 If a bite occurs from an exempt animal, the exempt animal
19 shall be treated as an unvaccinated animal. If the animal is
20 exempt, the animal shall be re-examined by a licensed
21 veterinarian on no less than an annual basis and be vaccinated
22 against rabies as soon as the animal's health permits.

23 (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)

24 (510 ILCS 5/13) (from Ch. 8, par. 363)

25 Sec. 13. Dog or other animal bites; observation of animal.

1 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections ~~subsection~~
2 (b) and (c) of this Section, when the Administrator or, if the
3 Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator
4 receives information that any person has been bitten by an
5 animal, the Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a
6 veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator, or his or her
7 authorized representative, shall have such dog or other animal
8 confined under the observation of a licensed veterinarian ~~for a~~
9 ~~period of 10 days~~. The confinement shall be for a period of not
10 less than 10 days from the date the bite occurred and shall
11 continue until the animal has been examined and released from
12 confinement by a licensed veterinarian. The Administrator or,
13 if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy
14 Administrator ~~Department~~ may permit such confinement to be
15 reduced to a period of less than 10 days.

16 (a-5) Any owner, agent, or caretaker of an animal
17 documented to have bitten a person shall present the animal to
18 a licensed veterinarian within 24 hours. A veterinarian
19 presented with an animal documented to have bitten a person
20 shall make a record of ~~report~~ the clinical condition of the
21 animal immediately. ~~, with confirmation in writing to the~~
22 ~~Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian,~~
23 ~~the Deputy Administrator within 24 hours after the animal is~~
24 ~~presented for examination, giving the owner's name, address,~~
25 ~~the date of confinement, the breed, description, age, and sex~~
26 ~~of the animal, and whether the animal has been spayed or~~

1 ~~neutered, on appropriate forms approved by the Department. The~~
2 ~~Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian,~~
3 ~~the Deputy Administrator shall notify the attending physician~~
4 ~~or responsible health agency. At the end of the confinement~~
5 ~~period, the animal shall be examined by a licensed~~
6 ~~veterinarian, inoculated against rabies, if eligible, and~~
7 ~~microchipped, if the dog or cat has not been already, at the~~
8 ~~expense of the owner. The veterinarian shall submit a written~~
9 ~~report listing the owner's name, address, dates of confinement,~~
10 ~~dates of examination, species, breed, description, age, sex,~~
11 ~~and microchip number of the animal to the Administrator ~~or, if~~~~
12 ~~the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy~~
13 ~~Administrator~~ advising him or her of the clinical condition and
14 the final disposition of the animal on appropriate forms
15 approved by the Department. The Administrator shall notify the
16 person who has been bitten, and in the case of confirmed rabies
17 in the animal, the attending physician or responsible health
18 agency advising of the clinical condition of the animal. When
19 ~~evidence is presented that the animal was inoculated against~~
20 ~~rabies within the time prescribed by law, it shall be confined~~
21 ~~in a house, or in a manner which will prohibit it from biting~~
22 ~~any person for a period of 10 days, if a licensed veterinarian~~
23 ~~adjudges such confinement satisfactory. The Department may~~
24 ~~permit such confinement to be reduced to a period of less than~~
25 ~~10 days. At the end of the confinement period, the animal shall~~
26 ~~be examined by a licensed veterinarian.~~

1 (a-10) When the Administrator or, if the Administrator is
2 not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator or his or her
3 authorized representative receives information that a person
4 has been bitten by an animal and evidence is presented that the
5 animal at the time the bite occurred was inoculated against
6 rabies within the time prescribed by law, the animal may be
7 confined in a house, or in a manner which will prohibit the
8 animal from biting a person, if the Administrator, Deputy
9 Administrator, or his or her authorized representative
10 determines the confinement satisfactory. The confinement shall
11 be for a period of not less than 10 days from the date the bite
12 occurred and shall continue until the animal has been examined
13 and released from confinement by a licensed veterinarian. The
14 Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian,
15 the Deputy Administrator may instruct the owner, agent, or
16 caretaker to have the animal examined by a licensed
17 veterinarian immediately. The Administrator or, if the
18 Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator
19 may permit the confinement to be reduced to a period of less
20 than 10 days. At the end of the confinement period, the animal
21 shall be examined by a licensed veterinarian and microchipped,
22 if the dog or cat is not already, at the expense of the owner.
23 The veterinarian shall submit a written report listing the
24 owner's name, address, dates of examination, species, breed,
25 description, age, sex, and microchip number of the animal to
26 the Administrator advising him or her of the clinical condition

1 and the final disposition of the animal on appropriate forms
2 approved by the Department. The Administrator shall notify the
3 person who has been bitten and, in case of confirmed rabies in
4 the animal, the attending physician or responsible health
5 agency advising of the clinical condition of the animal.

6 (a-15) Any person having knowledge that any person has been
7 bitten by an animal shall notify the Administrator or, if the
8 Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator
9 within 24 hours promptly.

10 (a-20) It is unlawful for the owner of the animal to
11 conceal the whereabouts, euthanize, sell, give away, or
12 otherwise dispose of any animal known to have bitten a person,
13 until it is examined and released from confinement by the
14 Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian,
15 the Deputy Administrator, or licensed veterinarian ~~or his or~~
16 ~~her authorized representative.~~ It is unlawful for the owner of
17 the animal to refuse or fail to immediately comply with the
18 ~~reasonable written or printed~~ instructions made by the
19 Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian,
20 the Deputy Administrator, or his or her authorized
21 representative. ~~If such instructions cannot be delivered in~~
22 ~~person, they shall be mailed to the owner of the animal by~~
23 ~~regular mail.~~ Any expense incurred in the handling of an animal
24 under this Section and Section 12 shall be borne by the owner.
25 The owner of a biting animal must also remit to the Department
26 of Public Health, for deposit into the Pet Population Control

1 Fund, a \$25 public safety fine within 30 days after notice.

2 (b) When a person has been bitten by a police dog that is
3 currently vaccinated against rabies, the police dog may
4 continue to perform its duties for the peace officer or law
5 enforcement agency and any period of observation of the police
6 dog may be under the supervision of a peace officer. The
7 supervision shall consist of the dog being locked in a kennel,
8 performing its official duties in a police vehicle, or
9 remaining under the constant supervision of its police handler.

10 (c) When a person has been bitten by a search and rescue
11 dog that is currently vaccinated against rabies, the search and
12 rescue dog may continue to perform its duties for the handler
13 or owner or agency and any period of observation of the dog may
14 be under the supervision of its handler or owner. The
15 supervision shall consist of the dog being locked in a kennel,
16 performing its official duties in a vehicle, or remaining under
17 the constant supervision of its handler or owner.

18 (d) Any person convicted of violating subsection (a-20) of
19 this Section is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for a first
20 violation. A second or subsequent violation is a Class 4
21 felony.

22 (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.